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DOUGHT NOT BE BIZZLED.
If there were any assurance that Mr. J. Frank Supplee, of Baltimore, represented any important element of Baltimore, his uncalculated attack on Southwest Virginia might be viewed with some seriousness and alarm.

But on the principle that one loud-mouthed fool can scare away \$50,000 capital in five minutes of foolish talk, Mr. Supplee and whatever Baltimore paper may follow his lead shall have a reply.

Mr. Supplee sets afloat several statements (thereby becoming responsible for them) that 60 percent of the money invested in Southwest Virginia comes from Baltimore; that \$1,000,000 of Baltimore money was invested in this section in November; and in effect that Baltimore money held Southwest Virginia up by main strength.

The investigations set afoot by THE TIMES demonstrate the absolute falsity of Mr. Supplee's assertions, and clearly show that every dollar that Baltimore invested in this section has yielded big returns.

It is Baltimore's misfortune that she has not invested more in this fine field. It is the monumental mistake of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad that the Valley branch was not extended in its infancy into the heart of the South.

As matters stand to-day Southwest Virginia spends five dollars in Baltimore for every dollar that Baltimore spends in Southwest Virginia.

Mr. J. Frank Supplee should be gagged before he has injured Baltimore by his baseless attacks on this section.

ROANOKE'S 110,000.

The census bulletins contain some interesting figures if properly searched. Thirty per cent of population live in cities of over 8,000 inhabitants. Of this (nearly) 20,000,000 one-half live in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and only one-seventh in the South.

The evidences are unquestioned that the tendency of manufactures is toward the South at the present time. The South also will handle its own commerce. From its ports the ocean steamers will ply to and fro, and commercial independence and equality will follow closely upon the footsteps of industrial independence and freedom.

The South will never attain the proportions of city population possessed by the North for the satisfactory reason that the fertility of our soil will prevent it. At the same time the same reason will aid in increasing the actual population of our cities to equal if not greater figures.

The South is to-day practically in the position of New England in the fifties. Our great industries are still in the infancy of what they are to be. Now, what are our advantages? Take Roanoke, for example, as compared with any

ARE THEY SINCERE?

The force bill has passed the Republican Senatorial caucus with several independent Senators refusing to be bound to the wheel. It may pass the Senate finally by a narrow majority.

Are the Republicans sincere in their unconcealed desire to attempt the upheaval of the political, social and industrial conditions of the South? If they are, they should at once pass an act which will "protect the oppressed voters of the South," not for one day in two years, but the whole 730 days between each Congressional election.

manufacturing city of New England. We have cheaper coal for power; we have iron at our doors, and cotton and timber near at hand. New England is remote from the first, three factors and nearly despoiled of the last. Then this section must plainly absorb by degrees the manufacture of these great raw materials.

Apply the argument and ratio to Roanoke, and it is shown that this city will have a population of 140,000 engaged in manufactures and commerce when our resources are developed to the New England standard.

A DECAYING STATE.

Kansas takes its census every year. With the figures of the past six years before us a startling but not unexpected state of affairs is revealed. They run as follows:

1880. State census 1,208,330
1890. State census 1,094,738
1887. State census 1,514,555
1888. State census 1,518,552
1889. State census 1,401,004
1890. Federal census 1,427,032

From 1885 to 1890 the increase was enormous, over 138,000. The next year showed a gain of over 107,000. That year saw the last of the available public lands in Kansas absorbed by settlers, ranchers and speculators.

The census of 1884 showed a gain of barely 4,000. The tide had reached the flood.

West of the ninety-ninth meridian in Kansas the climate is dry and the country nearly destitute of water. Rain falls at long intervals, and only one crop in three is successful. In this territory, covering one-half the State, hundreds of thousands of settlers have struggled to make a living. Railroads have penetrated the country, and though aided by land grants and exorbitant rates, have been financial failures, forced to every expedient to keep out of the receiver's hands.

General Sherman, for years a soldier of the plains, is authority for stating that Western Kansas is only fit for buffaloes and Indians. The census of 1889 shows that Kansas lost 53,000 people. Western Kansas lost over 60,000 and Eastern Kansas made a slight gain.

The federal census of 1890 shows a further decrease of 37,000, which means that over 40,000 more impoverished farmers have fled from Western Kansas. Oklahoma, it is true, has received no small share of the refugees. But the fact remains that the State of Ingalls, no longer Republican, is in a state of decadence.

KATE FIELD boasts that she has run her Washington paper eleven months and has made but one apology. Kate's principal end and aim in life is at present to boom California wines and brandies. If Kate can live up to her platform and get through her New Year's calls without having anything to apologize for she will be a jim dandy.

The New York Press thinks the McKinley bill will raise Mr. McKinley's salary from \$5,000 as a Congressman to \$8,000 as Governor of Ohio. That depends on whether or not Governor Campbell "raises" McKinley as he did Foraker.

It rained in New York, while it snowed in Roanoke, and the Press peevishly remarks that snow seems to be a big event down this way. Sectional jealousy, that is all. The Press doesn't even want us to have snow.

REPUBLICAN journals sneer at New York justice because Police Judge Duffy disposes of thirty-five cases an hour. Justice does seem a trifle tardy under the circumstances.

It is to be regretted that the lime which was thrown at Parnell did not hit his private character instead of his eyes.

Want the Cars Moved.

To THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: Cannot you call attention through your paper to the nuisance committed by the Street Car Company in leaving their cars standing in the middle of Jefferson street when, by a little exertion, they could be pulled around the corner out of the way of vehicles?

Got There Just the Same.

From the Salem Times-Register.
All the mails were badly delayed Wednesday, and our morning papers did not reach us till nearly night, all except THE ROANOKE TIMES, which got here about 11 a. m., and was at once delivered by the enterprising representative of THE TIMES, who deserves as much credit as the progressive paper he so ably serves.

No Hindrance to Business.

From the Washington Star.
With three feet of snow in Southwest Virginia the real estate boom is rather out of sight and if a freeze sets in those active fellows down there will be subdividing the surface and offering it as a tropical luxury to Northern capitalists. The Yankee has captured the Old Dominion for good.

Christmas is Close at Hand!

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